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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY TO MOUNTAIN WEST TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

## STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 15-23

Comments Due: February 20, 2015

Reply Comments Due: February 27, 2015

On January 28, 2015 the Shareholders of The Chugwater Telephone Company (Chugwater) and Mountain West Technologies Corporation (MWTC) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of Chugwater to MWTC<sup>1</sup>

Chugwater, a Wyoming corporation and an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), provides local voice service and broadband Internet services to 140 subscribers in and around Chugwater, Platte County, Wyoming. Applicants state that Kris Cashner (70 percent) is the only ten percent or greater interest holder in Chugwater. Lois Cashner, the wife of Kris Cashner, holds 5 percent of the equity interest in Chugwater.

MWTC, a Wyoming corporation, is a competitive LEC providing local exchange and exchange access services in central Wyoming to approximately 590 loops in CenturyLink exchanges within Natrona and Converse Counties, Wyoming. MWTC also offers long distance, broadband, and data storage services. The following U.S. citizens own at ten percent of the equity of MWTC: James Bruce Moberly (39.1 percent), Larry Emmette Ash (18.8 percent), and James Coberly (18.8 percent). The proposed transaction involves MWTC purchasing 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of Chugwater.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R § 63.03; see 47 U.S.C. § 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr. Robert W. Moberly, brother of Mr. James Bruce Moberly, owns a 1.7 percent direct equity interest in MWTC, and an indirect interest of 5.76 percent through his 60 percent ownership interest in WERC Corporation, a Wyoming corporation engaged principally in insurance and real estate, that holds 9.6 percent of the equity interest in MWTC. Accordingly, his total derivative interest in MWTC is 7.46 percent.

Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>3</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of The Chugwater Telephone Company to Mountain West Technologies Corporation, WC Docket No. 15-23 (filed January 28, 2015).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before February 20, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before February 27, 2015**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

## In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.freeman@fcc.gov;
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- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(ii).

such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.